

FPR Adult Softball FAQ's

Why are the concession stands frequently out of balls?

Fayetteville Parks & Recreation does not operate concessions for our facilities, those are contracted out through a bidding process. We always urge our concessionaire to accommodate the sales of the official league balls, but in many occasions they only keep a certain amount in stock. It's always advised to buy online or visit a local retail store (Play It Again, Best Sports). Academy doesn't carry the official men's softball for league.

Why are teams asked to use specific equipment for league play?

Fayetteville Parks & Recreation adult softball leagues are sanctioned USSSA leagues, USSSA sanctions require us to use balls and bats that pass specifications of USSSA play. These specifications help keep altered equipment out of the game so safer softball can be played. We stick with one spec of ball for men's and women's to avoid confusion from players, captains, umpires, as well as park staff of what ball can be used.

Why were teams removed or added to our end of season tournament?

In an effort to keep leagues at a fair competitive level, the league programmer reserves the right to move up/down any team or change any league classification at any time. We encourage good teams to always improve and challenge themselves by moving up a league classification. If a team moves up a season and doesn't perform well in a higher classification, then the option to move back down the following season is available. We ask everyone to use their best judgment when entering leagues and recruiting teams.

What do I need to do if I see a team has several new players for the league tournament?

You need to speak to an umpire about a roster protest, a common misconception is that it's the umpire's or league administration's duty to protest a roster. However, with 1,300 or more players, we work very closely to assure that players are not playing on multiple rosters outside the rules and determining eligibility for each roster player. When players are picked up on tournament nights, it's not always so obvious to umpires and staff because of alternating between leagues and locations. We do not want to see teams forfeit: however, having the same team for tournament that you had for league is not a hard thing to ask. We'll be looking at more efficient ways to keep teams from stacking in 2017.

How can I look at rosters online?

Visit <http://www.ussa.com/slowpitch/Team1/#/?gdSport=17> , you can search teams through this site. The majority of our teams are classified Rec + (North & South), Rec – (East & West), and Mixed Rec (Coed). If not sure the classification of a team email mmay@fayetteville-ar.gov.

Where can I pick up players for league?

We have a free agent roster that has contact information for several men and women looking to play in our league. With the constant growth of Northwest Arkansas, players are always moving into the area and looking for ways to get out and be active. Send me an email for a full list of players. (mmay@fayetteville-ar.gov)

What's the new roster rule?

Players may not play on two teams in the same division unless playing in an open league. Meaning if your league is declared an open league, only then can you play on another team within another division. Men's and Coed are divisions while North, South, East, and West are our league classifications. No players on the USSSA State D and above USSSA classification list may play in east or west leagues. USSSA classifications are B, C, D, E & Rec. The state player's classification list is on <http://www.fayetteville-ar.gov/1367/Softball---Adults> . If players have been playing for two or more teams, they must pick one to play with throughout the tournament.

Why can't you play on multiple rosters?

To keep the same teams with the same combination of players from playing in a south and an east league during the same season. This helps promote fair competition and consistency through all the leagues. We have specific leagues in place to let players join multiple teams or play in one or more leagues. Please let me know if you would like more information on these leagues.

Why are rec teams playing in east and above leagues?

More times than not these are teams that needed this league time for scheduling purposes of its players or a first time team that's signed up in the wrong classification. I often try to move these teams when possible but it's often hard to do while being able to accommodate night/time/location needs of the teams being moved.

Why do we only have one umpire some games, don't we pay for two?

No, entry covers the expense of an umpire possibly two umpires when available. It's obviously preferred to have two umpires on the field for all games, but it's not a necessity. Unfortunately, having two doesn't always happen for many unforeseen reasons, so please keep in mind that our leagues (competitive or not) are all recreational and meant for fun and healthy living. So be courteous and a good sport to all players, umpires, and staff.